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■ 2009 BUDGET

Highlands East shares surplus

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

While other governments are cutting back, chopping programs and denying funding requests, Highlands East is projecting a surplus – even with a tax rate decrease.

At its budget meeting Thursday, chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said the \$250,000 surplus was due to unexpected revenues and projects that weren't completed, along with supplementary taxes and an OPP credit of \$81,541.

For that reason, she recom-

mended a tax decrease of 8.18 per cent, which council readily supported.

The surplus will be used to bring down the amount of the levy and pay down debt.

New budget items include: purchasing two half-ton trucks for the fire hall; completing unfinished projects; installing lights and improving walkways at the Cardiff outdoor rink; installing a generator at the Highland Grove community hall; removing the oil tank at the arena; shingling and replacing the doors at the Glamorgan community centre; replacing the furnace at Lloyd

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Head Lake will lose snowmobile race unless sponsor is found

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Fifteen hundred dollars might not seem like a lot of money but it what stands between hosting another Highland Cup and watching the snowmobile race move to New York State.

Haliburton race promoter Harold Foyster needs to give Eastern Pro Tour a cheque for \$1,500 by the end of this month if he wants go secure a spot for Haliburton on next year's race schedule.

"If we lose that weekend we'll never get it back," he says.

Despite the fact that approximately 80 racers competed in the

inaugural Highland Cup in 2008, Foyster lost money on the venture. He cancelled this year's race when he was unable to secure more sponsorship dollars and, at this point, he doesn't want to commit any more of his own money for next year's races.

"I'm not in a position to spend any more money," he says. "It's just times are so tough right now but having this event come back will strengthen the town."

There are a couple of towns in New York State that want to host the races on the first weekend in March, he says.

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MATT JAMES/Echo

Big air day

Ed Szarota, 19, of Bobcaygeon, pulls a nifty grab during the Big Air competition hosted by Sir Sam's Ski Area and sponsored by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association. Check out more high-flying photos on page 15.

■ **LHIN REPORT**

Small hospitals must find way to fit into big region

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

A doctor and a midwife working together could be enough to save the obstetrics bed at Haliburton Hospital, but then again, it might not be.

There are legal hurdles to overcome and ultimately it's up to the Local Health Integration Network to make the call.

"I believe in personal choice [of mothers], but the challenge as an administrator is sometimes the lawyer tells us we can't do things," said Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services CEO Paul Rosebush.

Rosebush answered the public's questions March 9 about the new clinical services plan that recommends closing the only obstetrics bed in the county.

He went over the plan, a report of an advisory committee of the LHIN, and the ramifications for this area if all the recommendations are implemented.

"I'd love to give you [services] close to home ... but we're a small hospital in a big hospital system," he said.

The concept of the plan is "one acute care network" that will provide all of the essential services within the Central East LHIN, which stretches from Haliburton County in the north to Scarbor-

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W5 highlights James Birrell's legacy

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news and events worth noting

When James Birrell was alive, his courage and spirit motivated people around the world to contribute to a fund that his family set up to fund research into neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer. He died in 2002 at the age of eight, but his legacy continues. On March 21, the CTV program W5 will be airing a story on neuroblastoma, featuring the work of The James Fund for Neuroblastoma Research at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and some of the patient families, fundraisers and supporters of the cause. James was the grandson of the late Bruce and Primrose Birrell, two much beloved residents of Soyers Lake.

The Haliburton Concert Series is offering an exciting 2009 line-up for local classical music fans. It starts with *Opera With A Twist and A Kiss* on Saturday, March 28. Andi and Peter Alexander have known each other since high school and their love of singing brought them together in marriage in 2002. Their concert will feature songs from opera to Broadway and beyond. There's a summer hiatus before concert saxophonist Ashu takes to the stage with his dynamic style. His repertoire ranges from work by Ibert, Debussy and villa-Lobos to his own arrangements of Piazzolla, Rachmaninoff and Morricone. On October 17, one of Canada's most electrifying concert pianists, Darrett Zusko, will dazzle with his "powerful technique and sonority." The pass for all three shows is only \$50. There's also a \$25 season pass and new \$125 family pass. To order yours call 457-9731.

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VAL SMITH

Haliburton trustee is acting school board chair

Haliburton County trustee Val Smith is the acting chair of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

She replaces Rick Johnson who has a new job as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

In a press release, director of education Kathy Verduyn expresses mixed emotions about Johnson's departure.

"Rick has always been a strong voice at the table, and was certainly a strong chairperson. We will miss his direction, but at the same time, we know he has so much to offer the constituents of Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock at this new, provincial level," she said.

Smith said that Johnson, who's been a trustee for 12 years, "has left a strong and honourable mark in our board room. I can hardly replace him, but will endeavour to match his integrity and expertise."

Smith, who was the board's vice-chair, will act as chairperson until a new chair is elected. Meanwhile, the board will accept applications for a new trustee from Johnson's riding – he lives in Pontypool at the southern end of the board – until April 9.

Without local sponsor, race likely lost to New York

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If he can't come up with the \$1,500 deposit to secure the event from Haliburton, the race will likely go to one of these towns.

"The Highland Cup was a good thing and I think it needs to come back," Foyster says.

If anyone is interested in helping to finance the event, call Foyster at 457-2278.

Correction

Dysart et al council is charging local affordable housing group, Places for People, 25 per cent of the cost for rezoning its George Street property. It amounts to \$212. The number printed last week was incorrect.



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ENVIRONMENT

It's easier to be green

New act makes green power more feasible

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Until recently, it would take 10 years and \$38 million to pay off the costs of installing five wind turbines.

But if tariffs proposed under the Green Energy Act are approved, the turbines will pay for themselves much faster.

The act is giving renewed hope to such people as Mike Perry of the Kawartha Environmental Energy Project. A couple of years ago, the Fenelon Falls lawyer and environmental activist and his group had to give up their plan to build wind turbines in the Kawartha Lakes. Ontario Hydro was paying only 11 cents a kilowatt hour, too little money to justify such a large initial capital expenditure.

A few weeks ago, the province unveiled the Green Energy Act to promote alternative sources of electricity. As part of the act, there are set rates that Ontario Hydro will pay people who want to contribute to Ontario's power grid.

"The act supports renewable energy and conservation," Perry told about 100 people gathered at a "green" symposium sponsored by the Haliburton County Development Corporation at Fleming College in Haliburton on Friday. "It's what a lot of us have been talking about for a long time now."

He used the analogy of a pizza. The Green Energy Act was the shell; "all of the toppings need to be added to fill our hunger for renewable energy."

Those toppings include power from wind, water, the sun, tidal forces, biomasses, biofuels and geothermal.

The act is important because it commits the province to the ideals of sustainability by mandating

- the principles of conservation
- an obligation to connect and prioritize renewable energy sources
- guaranteed fixed prices for green energy
- energy audits
- and higher efficiency standards in the Ontario Building Act.

These initiatives will not only help the environment but benefit the economy, Perry said. Ontario has a wind energy potential of \$79 billion, creating 50,000 jobs.

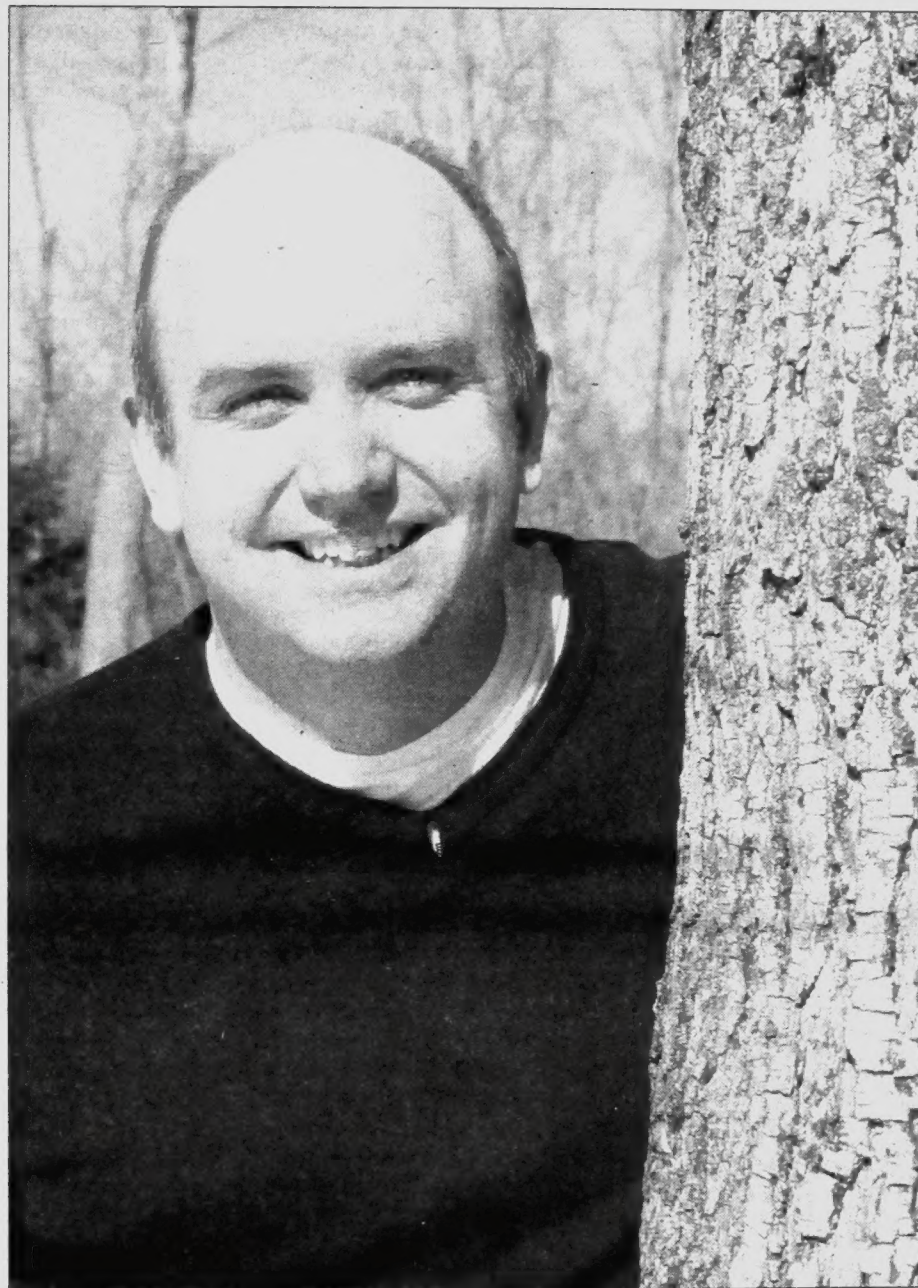
"Every 5,000 megawatts of power produces 13,000 jobs," he said, and those jobs are for both skilled and unskilled labourers.

These new green jobs will help Ontario cope with the loss of its manufacturing base. Perry quoted energy minister George Smitherman who said "the best power out there is in the minds of 13 million Ontario."

Perry encouraged everyone present to support the act and lobby for its enactment. People can sign an online petition from the Green Energy Alliance, provide submissions to the environment registry before March 29, participate in consultation hearings about the proposed tariffs and host a local town hall meeting with the alliance.

"We've come so far and it's now up to us to shape and mould [the act] to go in the direction we want," Perry said.

To find out more about the act, go to www.greenenergyact.ca or www.mei.gov.on.ca.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

A few years ago, Mike Perry had to let go of his dream to bring wind power to the Kawartha Lakes. The new Green Energy Act is breathing new life into that dream because it proposes tariffs that provide enough incentives to create alternative sources of electricity.

God's houses get greener

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

If Joan Osborne is ever looking to release her version of *One Of Us*, she might consider this timely alternative lyric: "And yeah, yeah, God is great. Yeah, yeah, God is green."

At the Haliburton United Church on March 13, Roger Harrison, a congregation member, and steward committee members, were showing Stephen Collette and David Patterson around the church to prepare for the church's energy audit.

Collette and Harrison are working for a group called Faith and the Common Good, out of Toronto.

One of its programs is called Greening

Sacred Spaces.

The Rev. Riscylla Shaw, of Minden's St. Paul's Anglican Church, asked the group to Haliburton County.

Haliburton United Church was the seventh sacred space in the county to be audited by Collette and Patterson.

"In general most of these churches were built in the early 1900s, so a lot of them are over 100 years old," said Patterson. "The majority of them are very leaky."

To find where drafts let warm air out of the building and cold air in, "We set up a blow air door and suck the air out and go and find leaks," he said.

Harrison and fellow congregation member Ken Noble were very surprised at what the tests revealed; doors were be-

ing pulled shut or blown open, cold air could be felt feet above from the closed attic entrance, and air could be felt coming through something so simple as the light switch panels.

The audit itself costs \$400, which comes with a 30-page report which suggests how the building owner can reduce energy costs.

Collette said that plenty could be done without having to spend a lot of money. When asked if he was worried about how much it would cost the church he said, "Well sure. But it depends how far you want to go. For a relatively low cost we can cut down dramatically."

Haliburton United was the first church in Haliburton village to be audited.



MATT JAMES/Echo

Stephen Collette checks for air leaks inside the Haliburton United Church while congregation member Ken Noble steadies the ladder.

HEALTH CARE

Medical centre shares success with Japan

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Japan is certainly considered the leader when it comes to technology but when it comes to health care Canada is tops. And for two days, March 2 to 3, four Japanese doctors were in Haliburton learning from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre successes.

As a faculty member of the department of family medicine with the University of Toronto, Dr. Karl Hartwick learned that a doctor in Hirado, Japan wished to make some North American connections in order to start a project in support of rural medicine in Japan.

What better place to learn about rural medicine than Dr. Hartwick's hometown of Haliburton?

On March 2 and 3, Dr. Hartwick and the rest of the staff at Haliburton Family Medical Centre shared their insights with four doctors from Hirado.

In 2006, as a program director for U of T's rural training program, Dr. Hartwick was invited to Nagasaki and Hirado, where he met Dr. Ryota Nakaoke, the lead doctor of the four visiting physicians.

Dr. Nakaoke is an assistant professor at the Nagasaki University Hospital and specializes in organizing rural medicine and residency education.

With him from the Hirado Municipal Hospital were doctors Oka Saori and Takeoka Atsushi, and occupational therapist Dr. Nakanose Shozo.

The group chose Haliburton because of the successful working relationship between doctors, nurse practitioners, and other medical staff at the Haliburton Fam-

ily Medical Centre, which is part of a the local Family Health Team.

Dr. Atsushi says, "The relationship between doctors and nurses and other medical staff [at Hirado Municipal Hospital] is not so tight."

Dr. Saori says the Japanese physicians want to establish a team approach and talked a little about hierarchy in Japanese hospitals.

"The [relationship between] doctors and nurses is very different," she said. "But here a doctor is not on the top. You know, it's a team."

The city of Hirado has a population of about 36,000 and is considered rural in Japan, which has a population of 128 million people in a total landmass of only 377,873 km².

Compare that to Canada's landmass of nearly 10 million km² and a population of 33 million.

During their visit the guests sat in with various health-centre clients and professionals. Connie Wood, the medical centre's prevention and promotion specialist, says "It's very exciting. And we're certainly eager to share. I really believe in the collaborative practice and really think Haliburton has it right. We're pretty proud of our accomplishments here."

In the two-day visit to Haliburton, the doctors took in a lot of information and were very pleased with what they saw.

"Very interesting, very impressed," said Dr. Saori.

The doctors want to take what they've learned from Haliburton and implement it at the Hirado Municipal Hospital but, as Dr. Saori said, "It [could] take a long time."



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Connie Wood and Dr. Karl Hartwick of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, welcomed Japanese physicians Oka Saori, Nakanose Shozo, Ryota Nakaoke, and Takeoka Atsushi to Haliburton last week.

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Bessie Sullivan picks up one of the library's new books at the county administration office.

Sullivan, the county's new head librarian, said she's been treated extremely well since arriving and finds the Highlands "spectacularly beautiful."

Photo by Jenn Watt



FRESH FACES

New librarian books in to the Highlands

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

There were a few tense moments in Bessie Sullivan's house when she decided to give up her job at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library to head to the Haliburton Highlands, but now that she's here and the pieces are coming together, much of that has fallen away.

Sullivan is the new director of the Haliburton County library system, replacing long-time librarian Joel Levis. She arrives at her interview a little bit late, fresh from her yoga class at Blue Sky Yoga, just a block from her work.

"I thought there were things I'd have to give up coming to Haliburton," Sullivan said. But in the two weeks since she arrived at her new job, she found out that's not the case. "It's really friendly here and I'm not just sucking up," she said. Sullivan describes shopping at the drug store and having the workers "bend over backwards" to be nice to her, even though they didn't know her.

A triathlon athlete, Sullivan is learning the town by jogging around different streets in town and thinks the Highlands are "spectacularly beautiful."

After completing her masters degree at McGill in library studies, she worked in

finance until 1999 when she got a job in Kingston.

Having reached a plateau in what she could do and what she could learn, Sullivan accepted the job in Haliburton. Once the school year ends, her 15-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son along with her husband and two cats will join her. At first there was the worry at home that the kids wouldn't want to move out of an urban environment to somewhere seemingly remote and rural. Sullivan would have to leave her husband behind for a few months to sell their house.

But now, she said, they're all on-board.

The first goal for Sullivan will be to increase the library's web presence, along with enhancing the library's position in the community. She describes her ideal library as a space for meeting, networking and learning through programming.

A self-described "library rat," Sullivan spent a lot of her youth in the Sydenham area in libraries and is an avid leisure reader; her favourite book is *Pride and Prejudice*.

She wants the libraries in this county to have the same function as those she loved back home – a safe place for kids to come after school, somewhere you can take courses, do research and go on the internet, or just sit and quietly read.

30-HOUR FAMINE

Teens hunger for justice

An estimated 35 million children could be pushed deeper into poverty as a result of the global food crisis. Haliburton teenagers will be doing their part to make poverty personal by participating in Canada's longest running youth action campaign, the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are motivating their friends, family and community to support a global movement to help the children

and families already struggling to meet the basic necessities of life. By doing the famine and raising funds, participants go without food for 30 hours, so they can experience what hunger feels like firsthand.

Last April, 300 Haliburton teenagers raised \$9,212 to help children and families meet the basic necessities of life. Their goal is to raise \$5 million worldwide this year. To find out more visit www.worldvision.ca.

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Haliburton Forest's Dave Bishop issued the challenge to the 100 people gathered for a green symposium at Fleming College on Friday. He outlined how the foundation has already been laid though dozens of smaller projects throughout the county, including Haliburton

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Forest's new sawmill which will use its "waste" wood chips to create electricity.

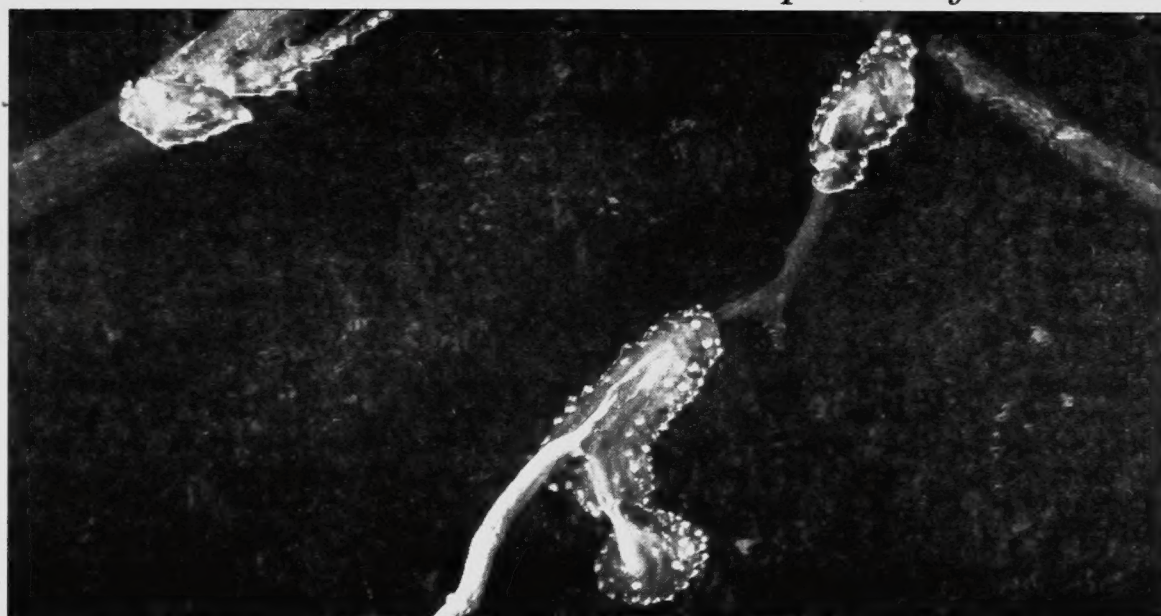
Even if you aren't on the green bandwagon, why not get on the economic one? Bishop highlighted communities that have benefited from the tourism opportunities of being green. Some of the projects would be way out of this county's realm – the Hoover Dam, for instance – but there were examples of communities much smaller than Haliburton that fueled their economies with green energy. Think of the success that Haliburton Forest has had as a destination and apply it on a much broader scale.

As enthusiastic as Bishop was about the possibilities, he also issued a warning: the only way Haliburton County can capitalize on such tourism potential is to be the first community to go green. There's no point being third or fourth. We must start planning now and start acting soon or other communities will beat us to it.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation, which hosted the symposium, is willing to provide financial support to get the initiative going but turning the county green would require millions of government dollars and hundreds of individual efforts. There needs to be a collective will to make it happen. People have to buy into the concept that what's good for the local environment can also be very good for their livelihoods.

Other communities build the infrastructure that make it possible for factories to operate or companies to build. Because there are tangible results – a factory that makes things and employees on the payroll – the investment seems worthwhile. An investment in green initiatives throughout Haliburton County won't be as instantly recognizable but it does indeed have the potential to create tangible results on our economy.

People have been saying for decades that Haliburton County needs "light industry" that will not hurt the environment and provide jobs for our young people. Could green energy be it?



Ice on the water

Photo by Martha Perkins

The Ice Age cometh

THIS MUST BE THE LONGEST WINTER in recent memory because even folks who have lived in Haliburton way longer than I have are saying so. "Wow, this has been a long one," said my friend Tom, who's lived here since the '60s. "Will this winter ever end?" rhetorically asked the check-out lady who was born here.

Well, I'm sure it's happened before, but I have never seen open water surrounded by two feet of snow on the ground, as we did here early last November. The snow was piling up before the lake was even really cold. I guess this is what got me thinking about Ice Ages, and how they happen.

Using no less than the *New York Times* for some info, I learned that there have been 10 Ice Ages over the past one million years, give or take a millennium. In fact, Ice Ages are the norm and warm periods, such as the one we have been enjoying for 10,000 years or so, are the exception.

These warm periods are called Interglacials, reflecting the exceptional nature of what we have come to know as normal. In other words, over the millions of years, every so often we have enough good weather to produce everything from an amoeba to Pamela Anderson; from floating aimlessly in the sea to hurtling through space; from grunting at each other like animals, to screaming at each other like Joe Cocker.

Okay, if these are the short bursts of life on the planet earth, how long will it be before the bad times come back and cover this old planet under a sheet of ice several miles thick?

Well, the debate goes on, but it is believed that the next real out-and-out, freeze-everything-in-sight-and-cover-it-with-ice Ice Age won't happen for about 80,000 years. Except for one thing. We

humans are responsible for causing the planet to overheat like never before. Global warming could have the effect of slowing down the next Ice Age. Which would be a good thing for a while, they say.

But there is also a school that says global warming could cause the shut-down of heat-carrying

ocean currents such as the Gulf Stream, which keeps parts of North America and a lot of Western Europe from falling into their own little Ice Ages. Lots of conjecture on this one. Some say cold, melting glacial ice water pouring into the Gulf Stream will cool it down and cause mini-ice ages especially in Northern Europe, which is kept much warmer than it would be without the Gulf Stream's warming waters.

Upside: the cooling of the Gulf Stream could be nature's way of off setting global warming – "If we

won't fix it, Mother Nature will" sort of thing. Ever notice how Mother Nature doesn't really give a red rat's ass about our cities and highways and cars and boats and TV stars and who wins Idol, or even Oprah or Dr. Phil? No siree. Mother Nature just goes about the business of keeping this ball of rocks spinning, no matter what it takes, and no matter which important entity goes down the drain.

For example, both Washington and Moscow would be ground into pulp and covered with ice come the next Ice Age. As would London, Paris and Rome (Vatican City included). It would also solve a lot of problems in the Middle East. Cool them down so to speak. They would all have to abandon their various lands and try to find a place that wasn't covered with ice to fight over.

Luckily, we have about 80,000 years to figure it out.



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I WAS PERUSING through a very old *Outdoor Life* magazine the other day when I saw an ad that gave me pause for thought.

In it, a man very much like myself, except for the fact that he was tall, extremely muscular, and with a Governor Blagojevich-like head of hair, stood looking straight into the camera while his massive arms bent an exercise bar like it was a hot pretzel. I wouldn't have been impressed, except that hugging his overdeveloped calf was a shapely young woman, who for all intents and purposes, just seemed happy to be there.

Well, I think we can all agree that those days are long gone.

These days, if a woman wants to profess her heartfelt admiration and love for her man, society frowns upon public displays of leg hugging. So, women like my wife must hug their man's leg in the privacy of their own home.

That's right. She's hugging my leg right now.

Admittedly, this is something that most men of my generation don't speak of. Nevertheless, it happens all the time. One minute

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you are just walking around the house being manly, brave, and adorable, the next you have your wife hugging your calf. I suppose it's unavoidable.

Lower leg hugging is just one of those things that women love to do. Sure, you'll have a hard time getting them to admit to this publicly. Some will probably even get irate and write letters to the editor denying it. All I can say is that those women doth protest too much.

Just knowing that the calf they are embracing is attached to the man that

they fawn over must provide great comfort and joy indeed. So I ask you: who are we to take this away?

In fact, if my wife has been good, I'll sometimes flex my calf muscle a bit. Call it my little way of saying thanks.

Yes, this is not always easy for us but it means so much to them. Walking, for instance, becomes a real chore when they are clinging on for dear life.

In any case, as near as I can figure, it's one of those primal, territorial things. They're simply staking their claim. And, I, for one, cannot blame them.

My knotted calf muscles, rippling in the early morning light, cannot be an easy thing to relinquish; I know that. But for the love of all things holy, you'd think that by now she would have grown weary of all this. Hasn't she ever heard of too much of a good thing?

Now, I understand that this isn't just my burden. Almost every married man of my generation is similarly encumbered, day in and day out. That's why we prefer knee socks.

It's why we look good in Bermuda shorts.

But even so, between you and me, I wish I could get my wife to stop all this lower leg hugging for just a day or two. I mean, surely there are other ways to demonstrate your undying affection and hero worship. What's wrong with a back rub, for instance? Or perhaps a pedicure?

Look, I know that the very suggestion of curtailing leg hugging is going to cause a bit of controversy among women's groups. No doubt, it'll make them spitting mad. But that's only because they've come to view it as a right and not a privilege.

Maybe one day they'll understand, however, that it's not okay to objectify me or my calves, no matter how incredibly attractive they might be.

Interestingly, as I write this, my wife has just relinquished her hug on my calf and walked away of her own free will. I think that's because she is now secure in the knowledge that we have something special, she and I.

In truth, I wouldn't have even had the courage to write a column on such a sensitive subject until last week. That's when my wife confessed that she has not read anything I have written in the last few months. She says she lives with me and therefore knows what I'm going to write, before I even write it. I suppose that might be true. After all, I am nothing if not predictable.

And, of course, she's just happy to hug my legs...



pic of the past

Four local men gathered on Drag Lake to look at a hole that had been cut in the ice for fishing. From the left are a person we can't identify, Len Herron, Glen Dart and Colonel Smith. This seemed to be quite an expedition with two men holding their guns and showing off fish. Glen Dart, on skates, is shown bending down holding a small animal and Colonel Smith on the right is holding a fish and a cardboard box.

letters to the editor

I hope cottagers are local

To the Editor:

There was a great deal of emphasis on the appropriateness of a candidate running for office that was not local.

I hope that this mentality does not extend to cottagers who live in the area for four to six months

of the year, pay taxes and support businesses. The emphasis on the local issue overshadowed pressing issues that should have been discussed during the campaign.

Ann Harrison
Orillia

Voters had their say, now let's see what can be done

To the Editor

In the mid-fifties, a song that was a big hit was "Let bygones be bygones." The few of us remaining who were in our prime of life can reflect back on good times to remember - times when our Progressive Conservative candidate in the Ontario Legislature fought for the rural farmers' need of hydro, fought for better transportation, brought funding into a very needy area to make life a little better, helped Bell Canada provide a service which the Dysart Telephone system could no longer provide. The benefits go on-and on with no strings attached.

Yes our representative was homegrown, raised in the Lindsay area. With the present highways, air travel and news media the need for homegrown political representation no longer exist. (It is, however, great having MP Barry Devolin and we want him to stay.) Our riding in the period mentioned did not include Brock but had as its political representative none other than the Honorable Leslie Frost, Premier of Ontario.

Our expanded riding recently lost the prestige

and opportunity of possibly renewing the past status of being represented by the Premier of Ontario. Shame on those who vented their anger and turned tail on Laurie Scott by voting in Rick Johnson, a Liberal candidate.

To give credit where credit is due, congratulations, Rick. He has a hard row to hoe and many challenges to meet. He must already realize that the ones mostly responsible for voting him in can just as easily and quickly vote him out.

One of the big challenges comes from the Wilberforce area. That is, the building of a new school to accommodate students from junior kindergarten to Grade 8. We are the only residents in Haliburton County who have not had a new school building in 100 years.

Help us maintain our education system and work for the sustaining and growth of rural towns. I know that Rick has the ability to lead. Let him prove it.

Ken Sanderson
Wilberforce

There are **more letters** on page 8

Riding should have trusted Laurie Scott

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all Progressive Conservatives and former Laurie Scott supporters who did not vote for John Tory. You have performed the greatest disservice possible to yourselves, the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, and the people of the province of Ontario.

Dalton McGuinty also congratulates you. He went against tradition by running a candidate against the incumbent Leader of the Opposition in a byelection. He did this because he feared John Tory's presence in the legislature. You have rewarded his dubious ethics by leaving him unchallenged as he continues his inept handling of a province in dire economic straits.

Laurie Scott worked tirelessly for us throughout her role as Member of Provincial Parliament. She was well respected in the House and in her community. We trusted

Laurie with representing our riding and in doing so we were well justified. Laurie asked for nothing in return until now. She asked for your continued trust as she made a courageous decision and heroic sacrifice where others in the Conservative caucus would not. You have betrayed that trust.

John Tory could well have become the next premier of this province. He is a dedicated, honest, fair and compassionate individual... a rare commodity in the political arena. Regardless of whether he continued as MPP of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding or not, he would never have forgotten his obligation to Laurie Scott and the people of our riding. Do you not remember when Leslie Frost represented us as premier?

Instead of having two representatives working hard for our riding in challenge to the Liberal government, we have none. John Tory is forced from provincial politics.

Laurie Scott no longer carries any sway with our provincial representative. Laurie's staff, the ones who helped you every time you called, are now unemployed. This is the result of you voting with your emotions rather than your calculated intelligence.

I for one hope that someday, some of this damage can be repaired. I can think of nothing better than to once again have Laurie representing us.

What is done is done and we must live with it until the next election in 2011. By that time I am confident that we Conservatives will collectively make a more intelligent and objective choice in who we support.

Mark Waghorne,
treasurer Progressive Conservative
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Council should reconsider

To the Editor

Hey, Highlands East council, why are you whining about the cost to run the medical centre? You are willing to spend \$12,000 to \$25,000 or more on a road that does nothing for the community. In these times of tight money for all projects why don't you use your heads and put the money where it is most needed?

Roberta Walsh
Wilberforce

Hats off to fire department

To the Editor:

While hibernating in Whitby, I received the *Echo* courtesy of Hilda Clark. The mishap of the buses transporting Grade 7 students from Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill to the Bark Lake Leadership Camp was reported. The Highlands East Volunteer Fire Department was in full attendance.

My granddaughter, Kate MacDonald from Unionville, was a student on the second bus, a scary experience for a twelve-year-old. Her friend, who was taken to hospital, is back in classes.

Kate is known by some Wilberforce residents as an accomplished violinist and dancer.

Hats off to the Highlands East Fire Department and God bless volunteers.

Alfretta O'Rourke
Wilberforce

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■ ADULTS ONLY

Highlands Little Theatre shows the funny side of three marriages

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Marriage is no joke but Haliburton County should get ready to laugh because the Highlands Little Theatre is about to present *Divorce Anyone?*, a light-hearted look at love and marriage from inside the trenches.

Made up of three, one-act plays, the audience gets an inside view of the lives of people in three different apartments in a high-rise apartment building in Manhattan, New York in the 1970s.

Sexual compulsion, one man's integrity, and the habitual concerns of relationships and, in this case, marriage, are just a few of the scenarios explored in this comedy.

Written by John Patrick, the play is directed by local theatre enthusiast Wayne Cooper and boasts a fantastic cast that regular theatregoers will surely recognize.

Cooper makes no bones about the appropriateness of the play for young audiences – the play isn't intended for

children so you'd better book the babysitter for this one.

So can playgoers expect racy dialogue and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments?

"Oh absolutely," said Cooper. "This is intended for adults because the subject matter is not for children. But it is very funny, we've been working at getting all the meaning in lines made explicit for the audience, but I guarantee that people will laugh at it."

Cooper says the actors on board are very talented at bringing out that humour.

Indeed there were a few fits of laughter during a recent rehearsal at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

In act one, Mike Jaycock plays Father Joe, a priest who acts as a liaison of sorts between newlywed couple Scotty, played by Mike Russell, and Sybil, played by Elke Zilla.

Russell, who comes from the technical side of theatre, is making his stage debut in *Divorce Anyone?* while Zilla has plenty of theatrical experience.

Another actor who is no stranger to the



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Actors Mike Jaycock, back left, and Mike Russell listen to the direction of Wayne Cooper as stage manager Curtis Eastmure looks at the script of the Highlands Little Theatre's presentation of *Divorce Anyone?* It's at the Northern Lights Pavilion April 2, 3, and 4.

stage is Caryl Miller, who in act two plays Celia, a rich and successful romance writer dealing with a pampered husband played by Russell. Miller is also responsible for the costumes in *Divorce Anyone?*.

In the third act, Jesse (Zilla) and Ralph (Jaycock), a long-married couple is approached by their neighbour (Russell) — about what you'll just have to see for yourself.

Between acts Beth Kipping, a local voice teacher, will sing musical introductions from songs that correspond with what the

audience sees on stage.

Her husband, Brian Kipping, who has acted in a number of plays at the summer festivals, will be the evening's host and narrator.

Members of the community have three opportunities to see *Divorce Anyone?*. It runs April 2, 3, and 4 and all show times begin at 8 p.m. sharp at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Tickets are only \$15 and are available at Minden Pharmasave, 286-1220, and in Haliburton at Baubles 'N' Bon Bons, 457-3111.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Dysart rejects bed closure

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 9 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Council passed a motion rejecting the recommendation from the Local Health Integrated Network to close Haliburton's obstetrics bed.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said that though it seems small to lose one bed, the risk of losing a doctor in the process is a very big deal. Dr. Norm Bottum, the only local doctor who helps with births, has said he would consider leaving the area if the LHIN took away the service at Haliburton Hospital.

Council's motion to maintain the service will be sent to the LHIN, which is taking public feedback on the recommendation until April 19.

Trash talk

Councillors and staff from across the county came to Dysart et al council chambers to listen to John Kearns talk about a new kind of garbage disposal system.

Called the Kearns Disintegration System, it burns garbage at a higher temperature, 2,900° F, than any other incinerator. According to Kearns, it produces no emissions, no smoke and no odour. It will burn everything except radioactive materials and reduces the volume of waste by 83 per cent. It also presents opportunities for the county to take garbage from other municipalities to make a profit.

"We concentrated on effectiveness, affordability and cost of operation. It is what we call autothermic – it runs on the garbage itself," Kearns said.

Nearly everyone was visibly excited by the idea. Installing one of these plants would cost about \$3.75 million.

Kearns said that if one of his systems was established, the county would never run out of landfill space again, since the product of the disintegration is so small. He brought a demonstration version of the waste after disintegration.

Fifty-four bags of garbage fit in his cupped palms – and then he licked it, to show just how inert and safe it was.

Purse strings tighten

Those looking for money from the municipality are not having much success.

Because of the recession, council has tightened spending and the steady stream of delegations looking for seed money or subsidies aren't getting very far.

At Monday's council meeting, Highland Animal Relief Team's request for money was denied, as was the Arts Council's appeal for the old county library building as their new headquarters. Carol Kilby came before council with her proposal for extensive Earth Day events and was told not to get her hopes up for financing.

"I hate to have to be the bearer of bad news ... we've been turning down requests. You're the third this morning," Reeve Murray Fearrey told Kilby.

The All Canadian Hockey School asked for expenses to be waived for the use of the kitchen and upstairs hall in the arena, and was given 50 per cent off.

Council also granted the Local Food Coalition the use of the Head Lake parking lot for a local food fair August 15.

Stop sign request denied

No stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Haliburton Lake Road and Shirley's Road, council decided after receiving a letter from concerned residents about the corner.

"A stop sign on Shirley's Road is recommended to clearly define right-of-way at this uncontrolled intersection and to encourage motorists to stop before merging into the highway," Maria Willing and Barb Jenne wrote.

Roads superintendent Brian Nicholson said there was no area where a sign could be placed and that it could increase accidents rather than prevent them.

"Stop signs sometimes increase the number of collisions," Nicholson said.

Taxes may decrease for some

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Watson centre; beautifying the towns with flowers and signage; purchasing a new snowplow/sander; and putting a slurry seal on 12.9 kilometres of hard-top roads.

Councillors will also now receive health and dental benefits, which will cost \$2,567 a year. Groups that came to council with funding requests got some good news, too.

The Highlands East Cultural Association will receive \$3,000 for all of its projects (see Highlands East briefs for full story), the Kinmount medical centre will get \$5,000 for its furnishings and Highlands Animal Relief Team will get \$500 for its spay and neuter program.

"This is a one-shot deal," Reeve Dave

Burton said of the medical centre funding. "A lot of people use the centre."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said she was happy to give the cultural association a large sum of money, because they will bring more economic activity to the municipality.

"I think it's wonderful, doing this for the community," she said. Council will also be applying for heritage funds to improve basement of the old Red Cross Hospital, which is now the heritage museum.

For those homeowners whose property assessments have not increased more than eight per cent this year, there will be no levy increase – and in some cases even a decrease. The budget was accepted by councillors but won't be passed until the official council meeting in April.

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MUSIC

First folk camp strikes a chord

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dozens of people made their way to YMCA Camp Wanakita last weekend for a three-day lesson in folk music.

The Haliburton County Folk Society's inaugural Winter Folk Camp took place from March 6 to 8 and featured performances by local and professional musicians as well as a series of instructional workshops.

"There's been folk music in Haliburton County for many, many years," said society president Barrie Martin.

"There's a core of people that are really dedicated to folk music."

Local performers who took the stage during the weekend included Cass Ma-

rie & the Black Feather Band, poet Ryan Dawson, singer-songwriter Thom Lambert and Albert Saxby with April Gates.

Professional guests were vocalist Isabel Bernaus, violinist Anne Lindsay, singer-songwriter Katherine Wheatley, percussionist Quammie Williams and guitarists Jason Fowler and Eve Goldberg.

"This is great," said Goldberg, who led guitar and banjo workshops and spends most of her time performing at clubs throughout Canada and the United States.

"It's a great opportunity to bring together people at a wide variety of skill levels."

"That's one of the great things about music."

Goldberg said she'd definitely be will-

It's a great opportunity to bring together people at a wide variety of skill levels. That's one of the great things about music.

Eve Goldberg

ing to take part in the event again.

West Guilford resident Claire Sylvan was one of the 55 people who participated in the weekend's workshops.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to hang out with incredible musicians," Sylvan said.

While not a musician herself, Sylvan described herself as an avid music-lover and said it was a treat to see local performers share the stage with professional musicians.

Martin said the society hopes to make the camp an annual event.

The society is dedicated to promoting folk and acoustic roots music in the county, supporting young artists and musicians and providing creative and financial support for musical projects.



CHAD INGRAM/Echo

Eve Goldberg was one of the professional musicians teaching at the Winter Folk Camp.



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HALIBURTON CURLING

Bobcaygeon rink is the new Highland Lassie

The annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel was Saturday, March 7 at the Haliburton Curling Club with 16 teams from Bobcaygeon, Gravenhurst, Unionville, Scarborough, London, Lakefield, Burlington and Haliburton competing.

The event, sponsored by Country Pickin's Fashion and Subway Haliburton, was won by the team from Bobcaygeon: Ruby Brown (skip), Kathy Cassin, Janet Warwick and Karen Mann.

The day included a gourmet luncheon prepared by Karen Saunders and Tina, and served to the Lassies by the club's "Four Lads," John Beadle, Matt Dixon, Gerald Taylor and Bill Wakely.

Event coordinator Marilou Mizzan would like to thank the many volunteers who made the day a great success including bartenders John Smillie and Luba Glancan; score keeper and kitchen coordinator Phyllis Woodcock; and Sara Oakley.

More than \$400 was raised to support the youth curling program.



The "Sassiest Lassies" award was presented to Pat Norman, Glenda Wakely, Donna Smith and Pat Dixon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Haliburton part of the charge against Peterborough

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Round 1: Brampton vs. Peterborough
Haliburton local Matt Duchene and Haliburton Lake

cottager Cody Hodgson are headed to the OHL playoffs against the Peterborough Petes.

The Battalion ended their regular season with a four-game winning streak and a record of 47-19-1-1.

On Sunday the Battalion announced their team award winners and Hodgson, the team captain, was named the

team's player of the year and most sportsmanlike player. He also received the Don (Hockey) Hadley Memorial Award, named after a longtime season ticket holder, as the Battalion fans' favourite player. Hodgson also broke the team's record when he posted two 40-goal seasons in a row.

Duchene, who missed two games after taking a hit to the head in a March 6 game against Mississauga, picked up the team's top scholastic player. Duchene returned to the ice March 13 and is good and ready for the playoffs.

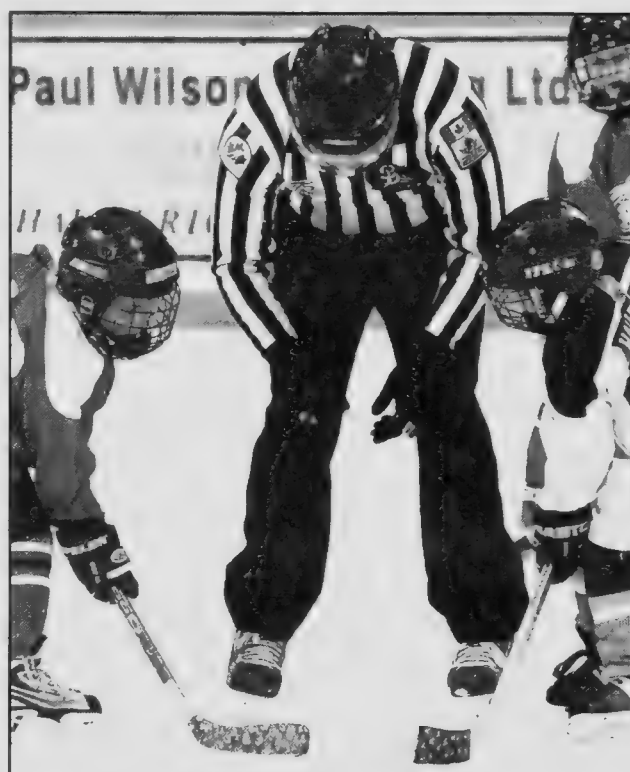
The following is the Battalion vs. Petes series schedule:
Friday, March 20, at Brampton, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22, at Brampton, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24, at Peterborough, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 26, at Peterborough, 7 p.m.
*Friday, March 27, at Brampton, 7:30 p.m.
*Sunday, March 29, at Peterborough, 7 p.m.
*Tuesday, March 31, at Brampton, 7 p.m.
* if necessary

Curlers COSSA champions

The fearsome foursome that is the HHSS Red Hawks curling team is off to OFSAA.

Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime were in Bancroft on March 11 for the COSSA championships and won all three games convincingly.

The boys are looking for a championship sweep as they head to OFSAA in St. Catharines, March 25 to 28.



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Stepping out for some air

A total of 38 skiers and snowboarders took part in a Big Air competition on March 7 at Sir Sam's Ski Area. At the foot of the chalet a huge jump was constructed where locals, cottagers, and visitors launched for big air supremacy. Honorable mentions go to Minden's Jack and Doug Hograth, Toronto's Duncan Weenen, West Guilford's Tim Tofflemire, and Tim Trantau. In these photo compilations by Echo photographer Matt James, Jack Hograth, above, and Dylan Bessette take a spin off the jump.

And don't forget that Sir Sam's most anticipated event of the season, Spring Splash, is Saturday, March 28. Watch or participate as skiers and snowboarders cross a 70-foot body of water. Some will stay dry but many will get wet with epic wipeouts. The final OAS snowboard cross will also be held on March 28 at Sir Sam's.



UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

Petrow's determination makes him a champ

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The month of March has been kind to Haliburton native Chris Petrow, a hockey player and graduating business student at the University of Western Ontario.

This past Saturday Petrow and fellow teammates of the Western Mustangs hockey team captured the Ontario University Athletics Queen's Cup with a 2-1 win over McGill to become all-Ontario university champions.

Prior to that victory Petrow was named to the OUA's

West First Team All-Stars as part of the 2008-09 OUA men's hockey all-stars and major award winners.

Petrow, 25, acknowledged the honour, telling the *Echo* that "It's always great to receive personal accolades. It's a lot of hard work."

Petrow has a packed schedule with classes 30 to 40 hours a week, plus homework on top of that. He practises with the team every day.

Chris Petrow started his hockey career as a Haliburton Husky.

As a defenseman with the Mustangs,

Petrow played 24 of 28 games this season and scored four goals and 12 assists for 16 points.

Petrow thought he may have been named to the West all-star team because of his consistent play.

"I try to go out every night and play consistent hockey and my best hockey every night," the former Haliburton Husky said. "That's an attribute I've tried to strive for throughout my career, not to have those peaks and valleys. I've been able to elevate my game a little bit this year and it feels pretty good to be recognized by the other coaches in the league."

A different route to pro hockey

Petrow's route to hockey success should act as an alternate for aspiring hockey players with a strong interest in education. With stints in the Ontario Junior Hockey League and OHL from 2000 to 2005, Petrow was selected by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in round nine, 267th overall, in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft but he never got the call.

"Me leaving the OHL, I knew that I wasn't going to go play in the NHL," said Petrow. "I was going to have to go bang it out in the minors, maybe get a shot in the American [Hockey] League, maybe get a shot in the NHL."

"My hockey career, at most, might have lasted until I was 34, 35 years old, and still have the best of my life to live. And I knew that if I went to school I could still play a pretty high level of hockey and get my schooling."

He said regardless of what he chooses to do regarding hockey he could always fall back on his business degree.

With the completion of his degree at the Richard Ivey School of Business only two weeks away, Petrow is looking to Europe for the next leg of his hockey career.

"Right now it's looking like I might play pro next year," he said. "The way the economy is right now it makes a



"I try to go out every night and play consistent hockey and my best hockey every night," says Haliburton native Chris Petrow, whose university hockey team is the all-Ontario champion.

little bit of sense to take a year and the opportunity to see the world and play some professional hockey and make some money."

Petrow and the Mustangs are heading to Thunder Bay and will try and win a national title March 26-29.



MATT JAMES/Echo

Wilberforce Elementary School students, from front to back, Dylan Smith, Mark Lewis, Keisha Hughes, and Dillon Tallman, hold the soon-to-be-cut hair of sisters Mandy Billings, left, and Laura Fideau. The women say they'll shave their heads if the kids raise \$1,000 for this year's Pedal For Hope.

CUTTING FOR A CURE

Wilberforce mothers willing to shave heads for cancer research

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Two local women are hoping to motivate students of Wilberforce Elementary School to raise money for this year's Pedal For Hope fundraiser.

Cops for Cancer will once again be cycling across the county to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. During last year's campaign WES students raised under \$100. Enter sisters Mandy Billings and Laura Fideau.

"We were inspired with what we saw at last year's Pedal For Hope at the school," says Fideau.

The sisters, who both have kids attending the school, saw just how much fun the kids were having and

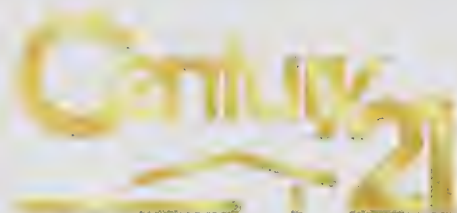
wanted then and there to volunteer to have their hair chopped for the cause. But they decided they should at least try and raise some money first.

On March 11 Billings and Fideau arrived at the school to explain to the kids how this year's fundraiser would run. The sisters, who both have fairly long hair, told students that they'd cut off their ponytails if the kids raised at least \$500. And if the kids raise \$1,000 or more, they told the kids they'd shave their heads.

Up for grabs for the top fundraiser is a skateboard.

Students will have until mid-April to gather pledges. For more information call WES at 448-2421. The Cops for Cancer visit to WES is scheduled for April 27.

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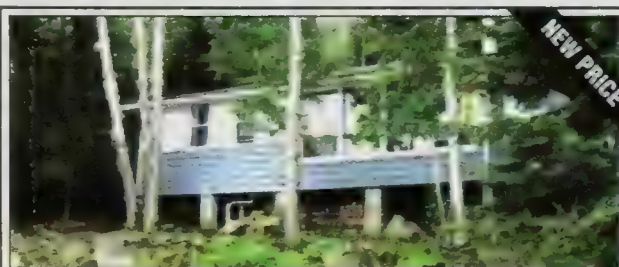
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Nature's feast

In early March, wolves killed a deer on Haliburton County Echo editor Martha Perkins's front lawn. Then, early one morning, three coyotes returned to continue the feast, along with other scavengers including a juvenile bald eagle, ravens, blue jays and smaller birds. After four days there was very little left of the deer. Nature had been incredibly efficient. Perkins filmed some of the early morning scenes, including video of one of the coyotes pulling part of the carcass away and the bald eagle warily approaching what remained of the deer. The video is slightly blue because the sun has not yet risen on the day. Viewers should be warned – they are watching a coyote eat a dead deer, so it's not pretty. It is, however, a fascinating glimpse of our natural world. Go to www.haliburtonecho.ca



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Obstetrics decision challenged

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ough in the southwest corner.

That means many services that were previously unavailable to those in this LHIN would be available at centres of excellence, mostly located in large southern hospitals.

The one recommendation that touched this hospital was closing the bed used about 10 times a year for births. The advisory committee said it was uncomfortable with the idea of only one doctor providing obstetrical services, saying the risk was too high for the provision of services close to home.

After the plan was released, Dr. Norm Bottum, who performs obstetrical services, has said he may leave the community if he is no longer allowed to provide elective births. There has also been protests from the local midwife, Rebecca Weeks-Toth, who said she was approved for this area by the Ministry of Health based on the fact there was a doctor doing obstetrics at the Haliburton Hospital.

At the public meeting, Weeks-Toth asked Rosebush whether there was a list of references for the plan and what evidence was used to prove that risks were too high here to keep the service.

Rosebush said there were some references, but the recommendations were based on the numbers of births to the numbers of qualified medical staff and not much else.

One pregnant woman who attended said she was concerned that she wouldn't be able to make it all the way to Peterborough to deliver her baby if the obstetrical bed was closed. "I'd rather have my baby locally with basic necessities rather than drive an hour and a half for ... care," she said.

"It's not just maternity," Rosebush said. "People are up and down that road [Highway 35] like crazy."

Another woman said that last time she had a baby she drove back and forth to the city so much it ended up costing upwards of \$2,000 for meals and transportation. Of that, she received \$300 back from the government. This cost is borne by the patient, not the system.

Rosebush said that was an issue that isn't taken enough into account by the system.

Others at the meeting asked questions about services in the LHIN – whether doctors would be lost, whether the bed would be lost, whether they could still go to Toronto for services.

Rosebush said that if services were outside of the LHIN people can still go there for care and that no doctors or beds will be lost. At least, not yet.

"If we're seeing trends, we're seeing people moving to economies of scale," Rosebush said.

"I look at this as phase one," he said.

There is a second clinical services plan in the works, and will begin examining another aspect of hospital services tentatively starting in November of this year. As for what it will focus on, Rosebush isn't sure.

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Haliburton health services CEO Paul Rosebush addressed the public's concerns about the LHIN report at a meeting at Haliburton hospital last week.

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Cat catcher in municipality's future?

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Highlands East council March 10.

The municipality is going to try partnering with the dog pound to see if it will take stray cats from Highlands East.

The pound, which is run by five local municipalities together, only takes dogs, but does have infrastructure for cats.

"Could we ask the dog pound board if we fund the cat thing and only cats from Highlands East come in and we pay for the extra time and we rent the space?" Councillor Suzanne Partridge asked council.

Since there are no shelters for animals anywhere in the county, other councillors agreed this was a good idea and sent a proposal to the dog pound board.

Tory Hill Market branches out

This summer 1,000 artists will arrive in the Highlands painting scenery all along the county's southern edge, if the Highlands East Cultural Association gets its wish.

The same group that developed the Tory Hill Market is branching out to other endeavours including a day-tripper's map of the area, a public painting project and A Brush With the Highlands as their artist attraction.

Pat Currie, Darlene Buckingham and Tracey Green came to council asking for their moral and financial support and they got it.

"This is so exciting," Partridge said.

In the budget meeting Thursday, council recommend-

ed giving the group \$3,000 for all of their projects. It also passed a resolution supporting the group and committed to helping them beautify the site of the current Tory Hill Market, which will include more local produce this year.

Council stands up for schools

A resolution was passed encouraging the school board to keep both the Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools open.

A committee of the board is currently looking at the viability of keeping the schools because enrolment has been steadily dropping over the past five years.

Partridge abstained from the vote because she is the municipal representative on the committee.

Review of \$3,000 grant

Council will be looking into money it gave to Word of Life to start up a social services hub in Wilberforce.

A letter from Clara Burt explaining how the \$3,000 was spent did not satisfy councillors, who were expecting the building to be up and running by now.

The money went to paying rent and buying lumber, according to a letter given to council by Burt. A window in the upstairs apartment was left open by a tenant, crack-

ing the toilet and flooding the building, she wrote.

"I'm not satisfied with what's happened," Reeve Dave Burton said.

"We threw money at a great idea," Partridge said.

When the request came to council, Paul Orchard, executive director of Survivors Psychiatric Advocacy Network, said that the City of Kawartha Lakes was behind the project "100 per cent." He also said, "I'm quite sure they're going to come across financially for rent."

Council has requested that Burt and Orchard come back to a council meeting to discuss the money.

Fire department updates

The two new fire trucks have finally arrived in Highlands East. In fact, the Gooderham truck came in handy at a house fire in the early hours of March 10, which Burton (also a firefighter) responded to.

"They paid for themselves this morning," he said.

The fire department has also decided not to take over protection Crown land that had been offered to them by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Although there was a one-time payout to the municipality, they would have been saddled with fighting forest fires that councillors thought would put firefighters at undue risk.

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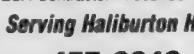
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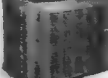
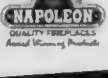
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Being active and eating well is sometimes easier said than done.

Consider the results of a 2007 phone survey that involved approximately 1,100

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"We recommend that adults eat seven to 10 servings of vegetables and fruit each day, so some Haliburton County residents are falling short on a basic part of healthy eating," says Kadwell.

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Euchre scores for March 10 were Pat Marshall and Ed

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Meunzel with highs and Iris Freeman and Ray Sisson with lows. Most lone hands went to Colleen Davison and Ray Campbell. Special prizes went to Iris Freeman and Gerald Hadley.

Jean Fraser, who has boarded with Laurel Duncan, is moving on to Etobicoke to a nursing residence, High-bourne Life Care. Jean had made her home with Laurel for the past eight years.

Rose Pearson of Camp White Pine Road can be justly proud of her class of artists who meet weekly in her home to paint. The showing of their work began Friday evening and continues until April 11 at the Rails End Gallery. It's really beautiful with vibrant colour and interesting content, well worth taking the time to view. The artists are Maija Stone, Terry Wright, Elizabeth Turner, Lois Raw, Trish Wootton and of course Rose Pearson herself.

The St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 14 at the Centre was a great success! Music from older years, newer times and singers, modern and country were all crowd pleasers. Andrew Burtch managed well as DJ and after the last dance was announced no one wanted to leave, so the music went on and the crowd kept dancing, a sure sign that this event will be repeated next year.

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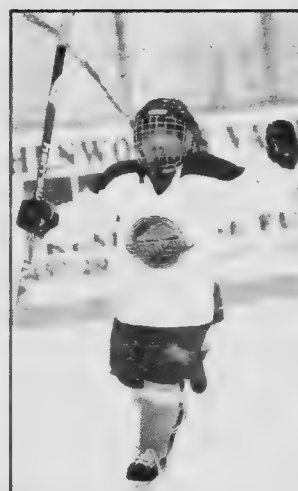
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A classic

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Drop your line in the last ice fishing derby

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The March sun is getting warmer and the lakes are starting to water up but there is still time for one more fish derby.

Get your lines ready and make plans to join in with fellow anglers for the Wilberforce Legion's first memorial lake-trout ice fishing derby for their fallen comrade Ken McFarlane on Saturday, March 21.

The registration fee is only \$10 per person and must be registered before closing on Friday at the Legion or at the Fish Lunch Box on Saturday before 10 a.m. You can choose from any of the following great lakes to fish on: Farquhar, Wilbermere, Miskwabi, Esson and Grace. (Note Esson and Grace Lakes are one line and slotted.) Derby officials' rulings are final and Ministry of Natural Resources rules apply.

Please call the Legion for more details, 448-2221. All are welcome!

Just a reminder - if you have ever wanted to play bid euchre and were not sure what it was all about, you can learn now. Just come and join the regular bid euchre players on Monday evenings and they will teach

beginners this fun game. Cost is only \$2.

On Friday March 20, treat yourselves to a well-deserved night out at the spaghetti dinner at the Legion. Adults \$6 and children \$3. The dinner will be followed by the Legion's new competitive karaoke. Just \$5 per person and winner takes the pot.

District F convention is in Haliburton April 24, 25, and 26. The registration fee is just \$20 which covers all scheduled convention activities. Registration forms must be in by April 10.

Don't forget to get your lucky tickets for branch 624's gift certificate draw. Tickets are only \$2 each or three for \$5. Draw date: April 11.

Branch 624 offers a free income tax service at the Legion every Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m. until April 22. This service is available to all Legion members, seniors and individuals with incomes less than \$30,000.

This week at our Legion plan on joining in on some of the following events:

March 17: Shriner luncheon served up by the L.A.

March 18: Open darts 7:30 p.m.

March 19: Euchre 1 p.m.

March 20: Open pool 1 p.m.

March 20: Spaghetti dinner 5 til 7 p.m. Karaoke night starting at 9 p.m.

March 21: Meat draw 2:45 - 5 p.m.

March 21: Saturday night dance with DJ Marcel Be-dard from 9 p.m. til 2 a.m.

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NOTICE (Applicant - WOODHOUSE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of APRIL, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 24, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part(s) 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated July 19, 2008. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 10th day of March, 2009.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO CLERK/CEMC
County Road 648, Box 295
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0



HHHS LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTORS

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation has openings for new directors – local residents and cottage owners who are anxious to help build on the outstanding services currently provided in the county. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton providing emergency services, acute and long term care. As well, HHHS provides countywide mental health, diabetic education and supportive housing programs.

HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and facilities less than a decade old. New initiatives have been undertaken in recent years to bring HHHS into the digital age and upgrades are underway to the two emergency rooms. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and anticipating and planning for the future.

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas:

- Expertise in the planning and delivery of health services,
- Expertise in health care,
- Expertise in information systems or public relations/communications,
- Abilities, qualifications and skills to assist HHHS to meet its mission and vision,
- Experience on a community board.

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by **April 9, 2009**. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please contact:

Marlene Vieira
Executive Assistant to
President & CEO and the Board of Directors
Phone (705) 457-2527
Fax (705) 457-1071
mvieira@hhhs.on.ca
www.hhhs.on.ca



Think spring

We are all waiting for signs of spring. Last spring, Lori MacKay of Algonquin Projects (Viceroy) took this photo of an Eastern Kingbird. While the bird is welcome back, too bad we'll also have to welcome the insects that it eats!

Notices



Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389,
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

Telephone: (705) 457-1740 Fax: (705) 457-1964

Email: info@dysartetal.ca Website: www.dysartetal.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER STUDENT – HALIBURTON LANDFILL SITE ATTENDANT

The applicant for the Landfill Site Attendant must be a Student returning to school in the fall. The successful candidate must be available to work from May 3rd, 2009 to August 29th, 2009 and must be willing to work weekends. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the operation of the site during landfill hours and maintaining effective control over the recycling program.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume, to the undersigned by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 27th, 2009.

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

SEEKING MEMBERS FOR LIBRARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is forming a Library Fundraising Committee to actively pursue fundraising opportunities to support our new library currently under construction.

Individuals interested in volunteering their time are asked to submit a letter to the undersigned by Friday, March 27th, 2009.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
CAO/Clerk.
Email: tmckelvey@dysartetal.ca
Phone: (705) 457-1740
Fax: (705) 457-1964

Municipality of Dysart et al,
135 Maple Avenue,
P.O. Box 389,
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

TENDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE DYSART ARENA – VILLAGE OF HALIBURTON

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for the replacement of lighting fixtures at the Dysart Arena.

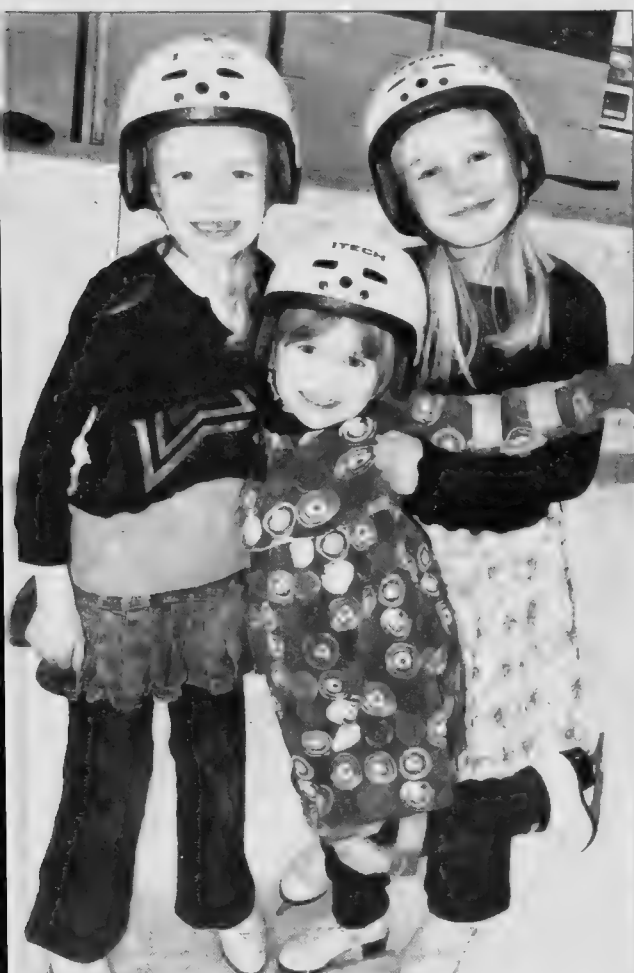
Tender Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.



Ethan Evans strikes a pose.



Having fun on the ice are Taylor Davies, Ryan Rupnow and Drew Rupnow



Pirates Rebecca Anderson, coach Andrea Donaldson, Carly Raimey and Aaron Solmes get into character.

Highlands East figure skating club winds down

The Highlands East recreational figure skating club held its season finale skating carnival at the Wilberforce arena March 7.

The theme was Mary Poppins versus Pirates of the Caribbean.
/Photos by Jodi Rupnow



Owen Deterling, the lion refused to allow his mane to be put on, but did finally allow a photo but "only one!"

Notices



NOTICE

Adoption of 2009 Budget

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2009 Municipal Budget.

Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario.

Irene S. Cook, CMO
Clerk/CEMC
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
1-705-448-2981 phone
1-705-448-3211 fax



Township of Algonquin Highlands NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT R.S.C. 1985, CHAPTER N-22

The Township of Algonquin Highlands hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport pursuant to the Navigable Waters Protection Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, The Township of Algonquin Highlands has deposited with the Minister of Transport, and in the Ontario Land Registry Office #19 – Haliburton, at Minden, Ontario under the deposit number 279825, a description of the following work, its site and plans: Buckslide Dam Bridge Replacement, located on Buckslide Road, approximately 2.0km south of Boshkung Lake Road, over the Boshkung River, near the village of Carnarvon.

Comments regarding the effects of this work on marine navigation may be directed to: The Superintendent, Navigable Waters Protection Program, Transport Canada, 100 Front Street South, Sarnia, ON N7T 2M4. However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing and are received not later than 30 days after the date of this notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2009
The Township of Algonquin Highlands

Highlands Little Theatre presents:

DIVORCE ANYONE?by John Patrick
Directed by Wayne Cooper**A Light Look At Marriage - From The Inside!**April 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Saturday, April 18, 2009
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10th Anniversary Tribute 8 pm
Silent auction throughout the night
Photo displays • Memorabilia
Proceeds to Help Support Highlands Summer Festival
\$25/person

Coming Events

**MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN***It's Sugaring Off Time!*Open March 7th until April 26th
(Weekends only 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities.

Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast from fresh baked bread, maple baked beans and complimented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area in many sizes and unusual styles. During your visit we offer many activities to enhance your stay and broaden your knowledge of this truly Canadian Tradition. Cheque or cash only.

Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday
and Sunday for Taffy-on-Snow at
Sourdough Sam's Cabin (while snow lasts)Call 286-3202 for more information
(group tours)

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

**Having an event
this summer?
List it for free in our
Summer Guide!
2009SummerGuide@gmail.com**

Post your event for free on the web.**Go to the Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca**

- **March 16 - 21: This March Break visit your local Library Branch for some reading fun** - From March 16 - 21 for every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the bottom of the colouring sheet and enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.
- **March 18: Minden W.I. Meeting** - The March Meeting will be held at Jean's at 1:30 p.m. Held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at a different location each month. Please note no meeting is held in July or August, December is on the 2nd Wednesday not on the 3rd. For more information please contact call 754-2564. Guests are welcome to join us.
- **March 18: The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists** - will be welcoming Thom Lambert to talk about spring songbirds and other soon to appear signs of spring at 7 p.m at the Haliburton Museum on Bayshore Rd, off Hwy 118. In addition to this presentation, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will be launching their new Species At Risk journal. Every is welcome to attend.
- **March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce** - From 9:30 a.m. - noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- **March 20: Circle of Hope** - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- **March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo!** - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- **March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m.** - A Registered

Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

- **March 26: The Univeristy Women's Club of Halilburton Highlands** - invites its members, their guests and other interested individuals to the program section of its March meeting at Fleming College at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Seana O'Neill, founder of Cottage Dreams, a cancer recovery program.
- **March 28: Opera With a Twist and a Kiss, The Haliburton Concert Series** - Northern Lights Pavillion at 7:30 pm. Peter and Andi Alexander, soloists, accompanied by one of Vancouver's top pianists, Karen Lee-Morlang. Call 457-9731 for cost and info.

MARCH is NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**Refer a Friend to the Meals on Wheels Program at Community Care & Receive**a free entree for you and your friend March 23-31 only 8:30 am - 4 pm. Available for pickup or delivery. If you would like delivery you must Call your order in no later then the 25th at noon.
Some Conditions Apply: The person you refer must be a new participant in the Meals on Wheels program at Community Care Haliburton County. The friend must also sign on as a participant during promotion week. In-stock order items only, no rain checks.**Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery needs volunteers to visit donated cottages across Haliburton County from April - September. Please call Debbie at 457-9100 or program.info@cottagedreams.org**Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Add a little green for something different

FRANKA ANDRIANO

Cookin' it up with Franka

It's St. Patty's Day, the day celebrating the man who supposedly ran the snakes out of Ireland. He may have been a saint but his day has become synonymous with eating, drinking and parades.

So I say, let's party – it's always good to have an excuse especially during this long winter.

The traditional meal is corned beef and cabbage but as cabbage can sometimes announce our arrival, let's do something different.

Walnut Parsley Pesto

2 cloves garlic
1/2 cup Italian parsley leaves
1/4 cup walnut pieces
1/4 cup canola oil
3 thai chilis (optional) if you like heat
One box rigatoni or other pasta

Place all ingredients except pasta in the food processor or blender and pulse until mixed.

Toss with hot cooked pasta. If pesto is too thick thin it with a little hot water or oil.

Chocolate Cupcakes with sugary shamrocks

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoons salt

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons (2-1/4 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
3 eggs
3/4 cup milk

Frosting:

1 box (1 pound) confectioners' sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Assorted decorations

Heat oven to 350°. Line 18 muffin tins with paper or foil liners. In a bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt.

Beat butter and sugar in large bowl for 2 minutes, until light coloured and smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. On low speed, add flour mixture, alternately with milk. Divide batter among liners, a scant

1/3 cup in each.

Bake for about 19 minutes or until toothpick inserted into centres comes out clean. Remove cupcakes to a rack; cool completely.

Frosting: Beat sugar, butter and milk in medium-size bowl until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Tint with desired food colours. Spread about 2 tablespoons frosting over each cupcake.

Sugary Shamrocks:

Knead together 4 green marshmallows with approximately 1/4 cup icing sugar until a stiff dough forms with just a touch of stickiness

Roll between 2 icing sugar-dusted sheets of waxed paper to the thickness of a loonie

Cut out desired shapes with mini cutters.

Enjoy.

Franka Andriano is the owner and operator of Franka's Café in the Village Barn and Franka's Delectables Catering Service. For information call 457-3463 or www.frankascatering.com

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Inspection

Public Notice

Approved 2009-2010 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

The Bancroft District of the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. 2009-2010 annual work schedule (AWS) for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Bancroft District office, the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 16, 2009.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur on the Bancroft Minden Forest between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

MNR has reviewed the AWS to ensure that activities are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plan.

The following are some of the operations that are scheduled on the Bancroft Minden Forest.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact them for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations of and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Bancroft District office or the Minden Area office. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.

More Information

The approved AWS and any subsequent revisions will remain available for public inspection throughout the one-year duration of the AWS. For more information on the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Bruce Fleck, R.P.F.
Ministry of Natural Resources
Bancroft District Office
106 Monck Street
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0
Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 235
Office hours:
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lacey Rose, R.P.F.
Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.
27578 Hwy. 62 South
R.R. #1
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0
Tel.: 613-332-6890, ext. 202
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Career & Business Opportunities



SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Haliburton Highlands Golf Club is now accepting applications for the 2009 Golf Season.

The positions available are:

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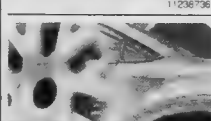
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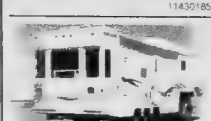
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457-4020. Ask for Debra

Rooms A660**ROOMS FOR RENT**

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General Employment A800**Bell****Bell Technical Solutions**

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Career Fair

Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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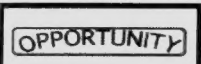
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Deadline for completed applications to local clubs is April 1, 2009. To apply, please contact Dorothy Menton of the Rotary Club of Haliburton at 447-9961.

Complete details and applications can be downloaded and printed directly from the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org. Use the following link to the application: Rotary International: Rotary Centers for International Studies

Notices A910

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2010-2011

Applications for the 2010-2011 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are now available from Rotary District 7010. Local club deadlines are April 1, 2009. District deadline is April 9, 2009. Required, in-person District interviews will be held in May. For further information and to print an application, go to www.rotary.org and click on Students and Youth.

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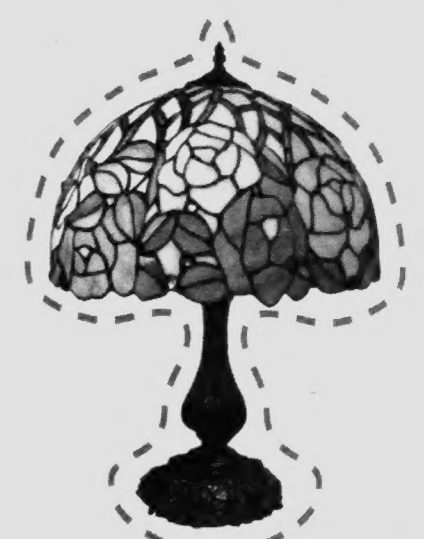
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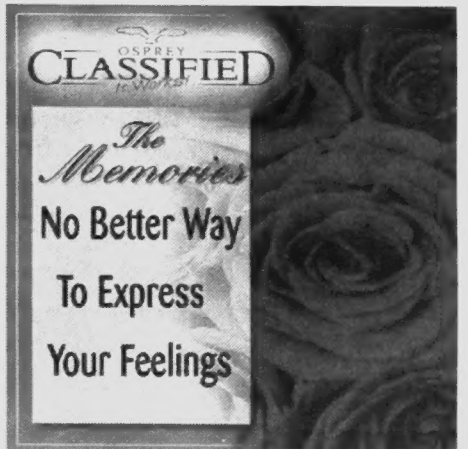
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We want to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Steve Ferracuti, The Access Center, Nurse Katrina and the outstanding staff at Haliburton Hospital for the immense care and comfort offered to Art during the process of his illness.

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Thank you, Beth Kipping, Wayne Cooper, Bill Hutson and Walter Tose for your glorious musical and vocal talents.

Also to Dorothy Owens for your lovely poetry and profound friendship... and to Chyna Schell for the touching video tribute and dance.

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Kennisis Lake Office
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\$499,700
LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

1312 sq. ft. Pine interior, EBB & Propane FP, Drywall w. carpet, 9 ft ceilings. Full Bsmt. Util room, Recr room w. arresting natural rock decor. Winterized gently sloping private lot, Bay facing South. This property is just waiting for you to move in and enjoy.

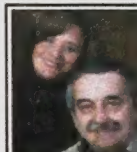


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\$449,000
GORGEOUS WATERFRONT
HOME/COTTAGE

Offering easy yr round access on a nicely landscaped private lot at the mouth of the Beech river to Boshkung Lake. The home boasts maintenance free exterior, double detached garage and a big comfy screened in porch. As you enter this 3 plus bdrm home tastefully decorated with ceramic & maple floors shaker kitchen cabinets and gorgeous rec room with walkout.



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\$54,500
SKI CHALET LOT!

Sir Sams Road! Year round Paved Township Road, Walk to Chairlift at Ski Resort.



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\$299,900
STOTHART CREEK

Another elegant custom home being built on .85 acre corner Lot 9. This 1826 sq. ft. 2-storey home features 3 bdrms, 2 baths, covered front porch & dbl. garage. Geothermal heating & cooling and other innovative technologies make this highly energy-efficient with great monthly savings. Call for details.



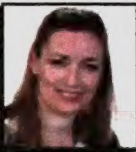
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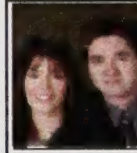
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\$309,900
SKYLINE PARK

Tastefully decorated 2 + 1 bdrm home, close to town. Open concept, maple floors, master bedroom with ensuite, screened porch, full bsmt, att'd garage, circular driveway, nice private setting.

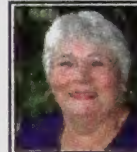


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\$149,900
GREAT Y.

or more... only a short drive to Lake for swimming, snowmobile trails are close by. Relax and enjoy the peace & quiet that Haliburton Highlands has to offer.



Madeline Doyle
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\$429,900
BASSHAUNT LAKE

Beautifully appointed home/cottage on a no motor lake. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, double car heated garage, screened porch & airtight woodstove. Modern kitchen, open concept w/sep dining room. A must see for quiet living. Private!

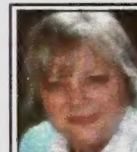


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\$1,200,000

On fabulous Lippy Lake, this 1 yr. old 4 bdrm. post and beam cottage exudes quality and whimsy. The 398 ft. of waterfront offers the perfect mix of natural, deep, rock-shelf with a great sandy, gradual entry area for the kids. More features than could ever be listed here!

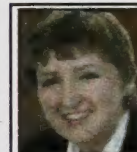


Debra Lambe
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\$372,000
HALIBURTON LAKE!

Beautiful Haliburton Lake - South Bay Charming 1 1/2 storey cottage on gently sloping lot w/large frontage. Property made up of 2 separate lots, that allow for great privacy, w/183' of sandy shoreline, great swimming and southern exposure. Property located on quiet and private road. Features include: 4 bedrooms, open concept kitchen, eating area, and livingroom, screened in porch, dock, bathhouse and large sitting deck and great view at waters edge.



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KUSHOG LAKE

Lovely spacious 4 bedroom water front home with all the furnishings and upgrades you need. Oak trim throughout, large kitchen, formal dining and living rooms, main floor den and laundry. Walkout basement with sauna and full bathroom. Call to view this lovely home. Call Lynda Litwin

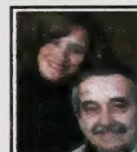


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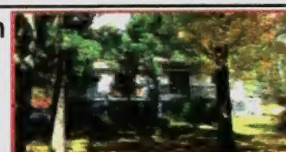


\$389,000
PRESTIGIOUS
HALIBURTON LAKE

Sand Shoreline, 18+ mile perimeter. This newly renovated cottage exudes CHARM & WARMTH. 3 Bdrms, laundry facilities, bathhouse w/marine rail. Dock System, Septic 05



Marj & John Parish
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\$184,900
11.3 ACRES!

Bungalow features 1,736 sq. ft. of cozy living space, hardwood flooring, finished recroom with woodstove, detached garage and just minutes to the village of Haliburton. Great Privacy! Walk to Spruce Lake!



Ted Vasey
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\$247,500
IMMACULATE COUNTRY HOME

Tastefully finished with a warm and bright interior - hardwood floors & broadloom throughout - oak kitchen with built in app - w/o family rm. to screened deck with hot tub - 2 fireplaces - separate dining rm. - 3 + 1 bedrooms - mbr ensuite - main floor laundry - many upgrades - 2.18 ac of privacy close to Haliburton.



Jeff Wilson
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\$182,000

A 3 bedroom bungalow home situated on a private lot only minutes to Haliburton Village. This spacious bungalow has a fully finished basement with rental income. Well worth a look!

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